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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 FOR THE 2023 SUCCESS IS
OUR FUTURE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS CEREMONY
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department is seeking approval to fund expenses to be incurred at the 2023 Success is Our Future Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony, which will be held on May 18, 2023, at the Almansor Court, in the City of Alhambra.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Interim Chief Probation Officer to work with the Director of Internal Services Department (ISD), to allocate a not-to-exceed purchase order in the amount of \$19,519.34, for food and related costs for the 2023 Success is Our Future Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony (Ceremony).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) to work with ISD, to allocate a not-to-exceed purchase order in the amount of \$19,519.34, for food and related costs for the Ceremony. Board approval is required for incidental expenditures in excess of \$10,000 (Board Policy 4.095).

The Ceremony will provide resources, networking opportunities and financial support to older youth, which will improve self-sufficiency outcomes and assist them as they move forward into college and

ultimately, higher education. This is an annual ceremony that is part of the state-mandated System Improvement Plan (SIP) goals, which include increasing permanency and self-sufficiency for transition-aged youth. Past ceremonies have assisted many youth, in not only graduating from college, but going on to achieve higher degrees. The main focus of the Ceremony is to acknowledge, celebrate, and reward the academic achievement of Probation foster youth in Los Angeles County and to honor these youth with scholarships and monetary awards for college. Invited guests include representatives from the Superior Court, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, group home providers, parents and friends. Highlights of the event include talents displayed by current and former Probation foster youth, guest speakers, presentations of scholarships and media presentation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, and Goal #3, Integrated Service Delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total cost of the Ceremony is \$19,519.34. Approximately 58 percent of the costs will be claimed against Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP) funding. Sufficient funding is included in Probation's Placement Services Bureau budget to offset remaining expenses. No additional net County cost is required.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The estimated expense of \$19,519.34 exceeds the \$10,000 threshold for incidental expenses; therefore, the item must be approved by your Board. This event is necessary to fulfill the strategies and goals of the State-mandated and Board-approved SIP. The State provides CWSOIP funding with the expectation that the counties will use the funding to successfully complete the goals with effective results.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this action will allow Probation to meet the State SIP goals.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Karen L. Fletcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" being more prominent than the last name "Fletcher".

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